

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

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A RESOLUTION to honor the United Way on the 125<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of its founding.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United Way celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding;  
and

WHEREAS, the United Way was founded in Denver in 1887; and

WHEREAS, today, United Way is the largest privately funded nonprofit corporation in the  
nation and the world, with more than 1,800 United Ways in forty-one countries and territories;  
and

WHEREAS, the focus of United Way is identifying and resolving pressing community  
issues, as well as making measurable improvements in communities through partnerships with  
schools, government agencies, businesses, organized labor, financial institutions, community  
development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations, the faith community, and  
others; and

WHEREAS, the United Way's overall framework includes education, income and health,  
the building blocks for a good quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the issues United Way focus upon are further refined and determined locally  
because of the diversity of the communities served; and

WHEREAS, the United Way helps individuals and groups with specific community  
interests, finds ways for them to contribute their time and talents, supports direct-service  
programs and community-change efforts, and advocates public policy changes; and

WHEREAS, millions of corporations and businesses partner with United Way to address  
community needs; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, more than ninety years ago, the first United Ways were founded in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, there are thirty-nine United Way organizations in this State that advance the common good and improve communities in all ninety-five counties through strategic investments, initiatives, partnerships, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, United Way of Tennessee, the statewide organization of United Ways, brings together United Ways, people, government agencies, businesses, nonprofits, the faith community, and other organizations with the passion, expertise, and resources needed to create opportunities for a better life for all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the United Way on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and encourage all residents of this great State to support the United Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.